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PolOff delivered reftel demarche to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Head of the Department for UN and Global Issues, Kamen Velichkov on October 22. Velichkov said that Bulgaria fully supports the efforts of the UN Special Advisor Ibrahim Gambari and will follow the EU's strong stance on this issue.

He noted that the situation in Burma is serious because of the human rights violations, the deprivation of political rights, and Burma's lack of prospects for development.

Velichkov is hopeful that the international community will come to a consensus or quasi-consensus on the Burma situation. PolOff separately delivered reftel demarche to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Human Rights expert Christina Yotova on October 26, who promised to communicate the U.S. position to the Director of Human Rights, Andrei Tehov.

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